

MASSES FOR THE WEEKSATURDAY - October 14

5:00 pm: Misa Pro Populo

SUNDAY- Oct. 15

8:30 am: Connie Topa --- The Holle Family

10:30 am: 1. Pasquale Scotti (Living) - Theresa &amp; Tony

2. John F. (Jack) Bills --- AnnMarie

3. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

12:30 pm: Roseanne La Sala- Barre --- Mom &amp; Dad

Mon. - St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:30 am: Hannah M. Shanahan --- Family

Tues. - October 17 -St. Ignatius of Antioch

8:30 am: Fitzsimmons Family -- Family

Wed. - Oct. 18 - St. Luke

8:30am: Sadie Bartkowski ---- Patricia &amp; Family

Thurs- Oct. 19 - Sts. John de Brebeuf & Issac Jogues

8:30 am: Joan Dzedzic --- Tomczyk Family

Fri. - October 20 - St Paul of the Cross

8:30 am: Concepcion Vicente- Nicole &amp; Michael

Sat. - Oct. 21

8:30 am: 1. Michael P. O'Keeffe - Maluenda Family

2. William Drourr -- Fr. Frank

3. Kevin Dowling --- Fr. Frank

5:00 pm: Jean Laurent-Richard &amp; Anthony

Richard --- Jessie &amp; Laurent

Sunday - October 22

8:30 am: Misa Pro Populo

10:30 am: 1. Theresa Kavaliauskas --- Family

2. Craig Rivera --- Diana &amp; Sandy

3. Elaine Jacoby --- Family

12:30 pm: Aunt Josie &amp; Uncle Mike -- Mary, Susie &amp; Ida

*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of Anna & Salvatore Tringali ~  
Requested by Anita Mascioli**The Altar Candles are offered this week:**~ In Loving Memory of Rocco Di Radio ~  
Requested by the Di Radio Family***+ REMEMBER THE DECEASED +**

Eternal Rest grant unto them Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace; and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. ~ Amen

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**CH-Church, SC-Sullivan Center, S-School,  
SA-School Auditorium, MC- Murray Center,  
RC-Kateri (Rectory) Chapel ---BR-Board RoomSUNDAY - October 15

- Religious Ed - S
- AM Feast Day Bagel Bkfst- after 10:30 am Mass
- Olivewood handcrafted items on sale

MONDAY- October 16

- Alcoholics Anonymous (Beginners Mts.) 7-8 pm - SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous (Open Mtg.) 8:30 - 9:30 pm-SC

TUESDAY - October 17

- RCIA - 7:30 pm - MC
- BINGO - SC -7:30 PM

Total Prizes: \$3,000. Early Bird 7:15 PM.

\*\*\*\*\* HANDICAP ACCESS \*\*\*\*\*

Please join us! We are grateful for all of our volunteers.

WEDNESDAY - October 18

- Alcoholics Anonymous - big book - 7 pm-SC
- Alcoholics Anonymous - C - 8:30 pm -SC

THURSDAY - October 19

- Leisure Club Workshop -11 am - 3 pm --SC

SATURDAY - October 21

- CYO Mass - 10:30 am - CH
- Greenway Cleanway 9 am -
- OKTOBERFEST - 6 PM - SC

Sunday -- October 22

- Religious Education -S
- Blood Drive -- SC

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT AMERICAN MARTYRS

- Sat. Oct. 28 - Defensive Driving - 9:30 am - MC
- Nov. 6 - Rosary Luncheon - 12 noon - SC
- Mon. Nov. 20-Interfaith Prayer Service 7:30 pm -CH
- Sat/Sun. Dec. 2 & 3 - Christmas Fair - SC
- Sat. Dec. 9 - Breakfast with Santa - 10 am- SC

This weekend, Bethlehem Christian Families, a non profit organization, will be here selling some handcrafted religious articles by local carvers to establish a Charitable Catholic Hospital in the Holy Land.

**Sunday Collections**

**Last Weekend - October 8, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church - \$5,019.  
**HURRICANE MARIA - \$6,599.**

**This Weekend - October 15, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
**2nd Collection--- EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICO**

**Next Weekend - October 22, 2017**

My Weekly Offering for the Support of my Church.  
**World Mission Sunday.**

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE:** Please make all checks payable to:  
**American Martyrs Church.**

If you are unable to attend Mass for a few Sundays, please use your "Catch Up" envelope for your contributions.

*We need you & your financial support!*

**ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE:** It's a convenient and secure way to make your regular Sunday contributions and there's no cost to you to set up your account on line. Just go to: [e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch](http://e-giving.org/americanmartyrschurch) and follow the instructions.

**Please remember the Roman Catholic Church of American Martyrs in your will and estate planning.**

**Please Pray for our Sick, Homebound and Hospitalized:**

Paula Abel, Jackie Arriaga, Alex Aponte, Marge Aquino, Josephine Attard, Elsa & Vivian Barbagallo, Roberto Barrientos, Mary Margaret Benza, Iride Bubek, Frances Burgess, Frank Carroll, Chang Family, William Christopher, Ralph Colamussi, Jessie Carlone, Carrie Enright, Jo Anne Failla, John Fazio, Diana Ferrante, Terry Flexer, Michael Gorry, Mary Grecco, Wilson Grullon, Ray Hippeli, Daniel Hoffner, John Horvat, Dr. Pamela Ierardi, Joseph Kinney, Bill Krug, Gabriella Losasso, Cathy Losito, Mary & Ralph Marazzo, Aida Maravilla, Steve Mattaliano, Susan McConnell, Ed McGrath, Danny Montchal, Mary Fitzgerald Murray, Ed Myles, Pat North, Estella Palucious, Walter Panas, Rosemary Parente, Sal Piazza, Lynn Pickett, Peg Pinto, Guillermo Ramirez, Maria Ramirez, Alexander Ramos, Gloria Ricioppi, Lily & Mike Rivera, Patrice Rohde, Arlene Scherne, Frank Schusteritsch, Lee Servillo, Adam Singer, George Stellakis, Mary Sweeney, Suzanne Szalkiewicz, Joan Wagner, Jesse Wagner, Ed Wilm, McCaila Young, Genevieve Zenka, Fireman & 9/11 Survivor - Michael Arriaga.



**If you would like to add a name to our sick list, please call the Rectory office.**

**Also, please pray for the men and women of our Armed Forces serving in the U.S. and abroad.**

*Nothing is more powerful than the power of prayer.*

**I shall live in the house of the Lord  
 all the days of my life.**

**MEXICAN EARTHQUAKE COLLECTION**

*We are once again requesting assistance.*


In an effort to provide aid to our brothers and sisters affected by the **Mexican Earthquake**, we have been authorized to take up a voluntary collection on the weekend of Oct. 14 & 15.

**Please use the envelopes from Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma** located at the front pews of the Church, in the vestibules, and on the Altar rails for all donations for **the Mexican Earthquake.**

**Simply put cash or make checks payable to: American Martyrs Church in the designated envelopes** and we will forward the donations to the Diocese. All donations from the Diocese will be distributed through Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.

~ Fr. Frank

**SNOFLAKE LUNCHEON**

**The Rosary Society Annual Luncheon will be on Monday, Nov. 6, at 12 noon in the Sullivan Center.** Tickets are \$30. Please call Carol Fortune at 718-631-0896, or Diana Iorio at 718-740-0643  if you have any questions. Tickets and raffles will be sold after all Masses on Oct. 21/22 and Oct. 28/29. All Ladies and Gentlemen are welcome to attend our yearly fundraiser. **We will have a "Sweet Shop" table with cake, cookies and candy.** Anyone interested in **donating baked goods**, please drop off your goodies after Sunday Masses on November 5 to the Sullivan Center. Donations of wine and liquor accepted at Masses on Oct. 21/22 and Oc. 28/29.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**SAT.- OCT. 21st at 9am**

Please join us in volunteering for our 13th semi-annual **Greenway Clean-way Day** on the old Vanderbilt Motor Parkway (aka "the bicycle path"). We will provide gloves and bags, all we need is YOU! Community service participation forms provided for students. Sponsored by the Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council.



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## REFLECTION

Today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew again includes parables. We have been hearing the Lord share parables with us throughout our readings in recent weeks. Interestingly



Matthew contains 23 parables (or teachings classified as parables), while Luke has 28. Mark has only nine, and John has none.

The first parable we hear today is called *The Parable of the Wedding Feast*. In this story shared by Jesus for our benefit a king is hosting a wedding feast for his son. He sends out invitations and people ignore them or choose not to respond. It may seem somewhat remarkable to us that people turn down an invitation to a royal wedding feast.

Yet, the Lord invites us to join Him on a regular basis through Holy Scripture and the Sacraments. Many ignore the invitation, and in most cases are not even aware of the fact they have received it. Those who read this are aware of the invitation. The question is "How do we respond?"

What do we do after we attend a Holy Mass? What is our reaction to the reception of Christ's incredible gift in the Eucharist? We may not make light of it like some of the people in the parable, but if we merely go our separate ways, and do not strive to be active disciples, we are basically doing the same thing as those Jesus describes in this parable. In one of his first appearances Pope Francis declared, "Go make disciples of all nations." We cannot make disciples unless we are ourselves disciples. ~ thecatholicsteward.com

## AMAA - CYO MASS

The annual CYO Mass for our young athletes, PAR's, coaches and assistants, parents and guardians, priests, deacons and lay leaders will be **celebrated at 10:30 am on Saturday, October 21st here at American Martyrs Church**. Father Frank Schwarz will be the main celebrant and newly ordained, Father Robert Mema, will be the homilist. Mr. Bob Caldera, Diocesan CYO Director, will be present again this year.

**All Are Welcome!**

## Therese: The Story of a Soul

The moving, live production will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Queens Village on Thurs. Oct. 19 at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$15. Call: OLS at 718-479-5111 or ollmusicdir@aol.com.

## CATHOLICS CARE

DeSales Media Group, the communications arm of the Diocese of Brooklyn, is seeking volunteers for a mission trip to Houston, Texas to help hurricane victims between Nov. 11 and Nov. 19.

Email: [Catholicscare@desalesmedia.org](mailto:Catholicscare@desalesmedia.org) if you would like to help.

**Please do not bring food or drinks into Church.**

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

**Amount Pledged: \$1,240,000.**

**Total Paid on Pledges: \$680,346.**

**Amount returned to American Martyrs: \$270,375.**

**Number of Parishioners participating: 310**

**I am very excited to tell you that work on the Church roof and pointing is almost completed.**

We will do everything possible to minimize any inconvenience to our parishioners. *Please be patient as this long overdue work progresses!*

For those who have pledged, thank you for your faithfulness in fulfilling your pledges. It is due to your generosity that this work can be done.

## VENDORS WANTED!!!

**American Martyrs Christmas Fair - Dec. 2 & 3.**  
**E-mail: [Christmas.fair@yahoo.com](mailto:Christmas.fair@yahoo.com)**

## OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION

**SAT. - OCT. 21st - 6:00 PM - SC**

Our Father John J. Murray Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring our **Oktoberfest celebration in the Sullivan Center after 5:00 mass on Saturday, October 21st**. Join us for a night of food, refreshments and lots of fun, including a catered buffet featuring both traditional German and American fare. Tickets on sale beginning the weekend of 9/30-10/1. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact [kofc14666fm@gmail.com](mailto:kofc14666fm@gmail.com) for further information.



## OLSAM CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP

A Spiritually enriching environment where young people can gather for fun and games, food and friends, service and faith. Visit our website:

**[www.olsamcyg.weebly.com](http://www.olsamcyg.weebly.com)** for events!!

**Email: [olsamcyg2@gmail.com](mailto:olsamcyg2@gmail.com).**

**Youth Minister: Karen DeRose**

**Pray ~ Play ~ Serve**

## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

**Children entering the 1<sup>st</sup> grade** should enroll NOW in order to receive first communion in second grade—registration forms can be found at the Church entrances. **Children in all grades** who have not previously been enrolled in Religious Education or transferring to American Martyrs' program should call the Religious Education office at 718-464-6411 for an application.

Please check our website:

**AMReligion Class.Weebly.com**

*for school closings due to inclement weather.*

Religious Education email:

**AMReligionClass@gmail.com**

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## **\*\*\* COMMUNITY NEWS \*\*\***

### **Healing Mass - St. Anastasia - Tues. Oct. 17 7 pm**

Rosary, Mass and Healing Service -718-631-4454

### **Catholic Charities - Bayside Senior Center-**

221-15 Horace Harding Expy. 718-225-1144 Serves full meals at 11:30 every day. Programs: Chair Yoga, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Exercise, Bingo, Computer, and more.

### **Sisters of the Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus:**

Will minister and care for the elderly in their own homes. Call 718-888-7708.

### **Catholic Charities Home-base Program** - assists those with

housing crisis, (i.e.-- rental arrears, utility shutoffs, etc.) Call 718-674-1000 for more information.

### **St. Vincent de Paul:** donate your old car- running or not.

718-491-2525. The Society will give back \$75/\$200 to American Martyrs. For anyone that has a neglected vehicle that they would like to dispose of contact: [SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SVDPAUTO@GMAIL.COM)

**Al-Anon and Ala-teen Family Groups:** if you've been affected by or are concerned about someone else's drinking, you've come to the right place! Hope, help, and happiness are attainable. [www.nycalanon.org](http://www.nycalanon.org) -- 212-941-0094

### **Catholic Charities Neighborhood Home Delivered Meals:**

Are you or someone you know 60+ years old, living in the North-east Queens area and would benefit from a hot meal each day? Call 718-357-4903 for more information.

**Meals-on-Wheels** -- Sub. Drivers needed on call--Mon - Sat. 4 hours per workday. 718-357-4903 #1 - Maria or Kathy

**Alzheimer's Adult Day Program** - Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services. Mental and physical stimulation, a hot lunch and door to door transportation. 718-358-3541. Weekly caregiver support group.

**Nar-Anon Never Alone:** is a 12-step support group for anyone affected by a loved one's use/abuse of drugs. 718-217-0364.



## 2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

*~ Live in Faith Give in Love ~*

**Annual Appeal Goal for 2017: \$61,392.**

**Amount Pledged: \$99,550.**

**Amount Received: \$94,254.**

**Donors: 274**

Pledge envelopes have been placed at all the entrances to the Church. You can make a pledge online by going to [www.rcdobdonate.org](http://www.rcdobdonate.org), or simply mail in the commitment form on the back of the **Tablet** with the amount of your pledge. Some companies have matching gift programs, so please check to see if your place of employment participates. If you have not yet seen the video presentation, you may do so on our **website:**

**americanmartyrs-queens.org**. Remember, every dollar received over goal comes back to the Parish.

Thank you for all you do for American Martyrs.

*~ Reverend Frank L. Schwarz, Pastor*

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## **BLOOD DRIVE -- SUNDAY, October 22**

**I gave my blood...Christ gave His.**

**I gave a pint... He gave all.**

**The needle is small and sharp...**

**The nails were large and dull.**

**The table soft, relaxing...The Cross rough, painful.**

**The nurses kind and gentle...**

**The soldiers cruel and mean.**

**The crowd applauds my sacrifice...**

**"They that passed by reviled Him."**

**Mine is A-positive...His is positively for all.**

**Mine, at best, will prolong a life for awhile...**

**His, without doubt, saved all...forever!** ~ by Bill Goff

**From 9:15 am to 1:45 pm American Martyrs will host The Edward Malench Memorial**

**Blood Drive in the Sullivan Center.** Please make every effort to donate a pint of blood to save a life!



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## **DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE**

The National Safety Council will present its **Defensive Driving Course** for Insurance and Point Reduction at **American Martyrs on Saturday, October 28, 2017 in the Fr. Murray Center from 9 am to 3:30 pm.** To register or for more information, please call Marty at: 631-360-9720.



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## **VIANNEY - WED. - NOV 8 - 7:30 PM**

A **live production** will be presented at the Immaculate Conception Center on **Wed. Nov. 8 at 7:30 pm.** Experience the gripping story of St. John Vianney, the humble priest who battled the devil to save souls. Admission is free. Suitable for ages 9 and up.

Register at [queensdeanery5.org](http://queensdeanery5.org), or call: St. Anastasia Church Office- 718-631-4454.